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Alumni weekend festivities began on Saturday, May 15 when 28 alumni met at the Loch Nairn Golf Club for the third annual Alumni Golf Tournament. The team comprised of Dr. Roger Sembrant, V'74, and Cathy Sembrant, Dr. Sidney Mellman, V'49, and Dr. Arthur Richards, V'49, emerged as the winner of the day.

In the evening, alumni and their families joined the Dean and Mrs. Kelly for a cocktail party at the Allam House. The large crowd of 190 had a great time reminiscing and catching up on each other's activities. Later the Classes of 1989 and 1949 got together for reunion dinners at the Allam House.

On Sunday more than 350 people converged on New Bolton Center for Alumni Day. During the morning meeting of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society outgoing President Dr. Suzanne Smith, V'82, passed along the gavel of office to Dr. Robert W. Stewart, V'68, the incoming president of Penn's VMAS. Dr. Eric Bregman, V'95, was elected president-elect. The five new board members are: Dr. Amy Bentz, V'97, Dr. Maureen Stokes Burdulis, V'79, Dr. Leonard N. Donato, V'96, Dr. Lawrence A. Rebbecca, Jr., V'90, and Dr. Raymond W. Stock, V'75.

VMAS honored three outstanding alumni for their achievements and contributions to the profession and Penn. The 1999 Alumni Award of Merit was presented to: Dr. David Meirs II, V'54, Dr. Michael Ratner, V'59, and Dr. Gail Smith, V'74.

Dr. Raymond W. Sweeney III, V'82, received the Excellence in Teaching Award presented by the VMAS Board on behalf of the members of the classes of 1995-1998 who selected the recipient.

The afternoon was devoted to food, catching-up-with-classmates, tours of various New Bolton Center facilities, and play for the many children who accompanied their parents. Late in the afternoon it was "good bye" and "until next year" for the alumni and their families. 🏠

